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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Nakano et al  
Serial No.: 10/604,553  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING ALIGNMENT LAYER  
Filed: July 30, 2003  
Examiner: Michael H. Caley  
Art Unit: 2871  
Confirmation No.: 1552  
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: JP920020113US1

**Mail Stop Amendment  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing the following documents in regard to the above-identified application:

1. Request for One Month Extension of Time with \$120.00 fee;
2. Amendment in response to the office communication dated December 15, 2004;
3. 2 Replacement Sheets of Formal Drawings;
4. Information Disclosure Statement with \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p);
5. PTO-1449 with copies of foreign patents; and
6. Check in the amount of \$300.00 (\$180.00 IDS Fee and \$120.00 Extension of Time Fee)

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be **\$120.00** to extend the time for filing this response until **April 15, 2005**.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	15	Minus	20	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

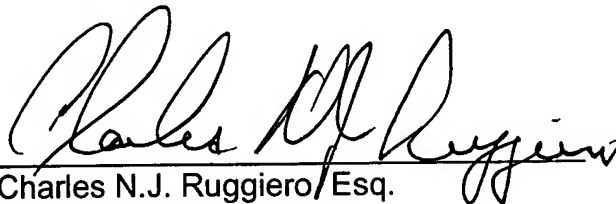
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be **\$300.00**.

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 300.00 is attached.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467** in the name of **Ohlandt, Greeley, Ruggiero & Perle**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

April 15, 2005

Date



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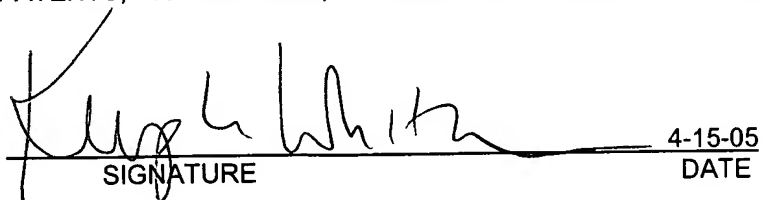
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